

**Question for written answer E-001227/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Impact on the fishing sector of offshore windfarms and other renewable energy systems

In its resolution of 7 July 2021 on the impact on the fishing sector of offshore wind farms and other renewable energy systems,<sup>1</sup> the European Parliament states that ‘overlap analysis of offshore renewables and fisheries suggests a sharp increase in spatial conflict potential in certain European sea basins over the coming years’.

Parliament further stresses the ‘need for early spatial planning which includes all relevant stakeholders, with regard to both the placement and the lay-out of OFWs [offshore wind farms] and calls for ‘effective participation, dialogues and networks to be set up at an early stage, in order to reduce and avoid conflicts’.

Moreover, Directive 2014/89/EU<sup>2</sup> requires all coastal Member States to submit national management plans to the Commission ‘as soon as possible, and at the latest by 31 March 2021’.

1. Has Spain already submitted a maritime spatial plan to the Commission in accordance with this Directive?
2. If so, does the Commission consider that the Spanish plan ensures a fair share for fisheries and the sustainable continuity fisheries activities and also fairly reflects the legitimate interests of fishermen, shellfish farmers and fish farmers?

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<sup>1</sup> 2019/2158(INI).

<sup>2</sup> Directive 2014/89/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning